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### BUDGET PROPOSAL

*Committee on Finance:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the President's Fiscal Year 2008 budget proposal, after receiving testimony from Henry M. Paulson, Secretary of the Treasury.

### SOMALIA

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Subcommittee on African Affairs concluded a hearing to examine a comprehensive stabilization, reconstruction and counterterrorism strategy for Somalia, after receiving testimony from Jendayi E. Frazer, Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs; Michael E. Hess, Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Democracy, Conflict, and Humanitarian Assistance, United States Agency for International Development; David H. Shinn, George Washington University Elliott School of International Affairs, former Ambassador to Ethiopia, and J. Stephen Morrison, Center for Strategic and International Studies, both of Washington, D.C.; and Ken Menkhaus, Davidson College, Davidson, North Carolina.

### U.S. ATTORNEYS

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine if the Department of Justice is politicizing the hiring and firing of U.S. attorneys relating to preserving prosecutorial independence, including S. 214, to amend chapter 35 of title 28,

United States Code, to preserve the independence of United States attorneys, after receiving testimony from Senator Pryor; Paul J. McNulty, Deputy Attorney General, Department of Justice; Mary Jo White, Debevoise and Plimpton, LLP, New York, New York, former United States Attorney; Laurie L. Levenson, Loyola Law School Center for Ethical Advocacy, Los Angeles, California; and Stuart M. Gerson, Epstein, Becker and Green, Washington, D.C.

### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of John Preston Bailey, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of West Virginia, who was introduced by Senator Byrd and Representative Capito, and Otis D. Wright II, and George H. Wu, each to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

### INTELLIGENCE

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to the call.

### NOMINATION

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of J. Michael McConnell, of Virginia, to be Director of National Intelligence.

## House of Representatives

### Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 33 public bills, H.R. 833–865; and 10 resolutions, H.J. Res. 22; H. Con. Res. 56–59; and H. Res. 128–132 were introduced. **Pages H1270–72**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages H1272–73**

**Reports Filed:** There were no reports filed today.

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Johnson of Georgia to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today. **Page H1213**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 10:43 a.m. and reconvened at 12 p.m. **Page H1214**

**Suspensions:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

**Bainbridge Island Japanese American Monument Act of 2007:** H.R. 161, to adjust the boundary of the Minidoka Internment National Monument to include the Nidoto Nai Yoni Memorial in Bainbridge Island, Washington, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yeas-and-nays vote of 419 yeas with none voting “nay,” Roll No. 76; **Pages H1218–22, H1228–29**

**Commission to Study the Potential Creation of the National Museum of the American Latino Act of 2007:** H.R. 512, amended, to establish the Commission to Study the Potential Creation of the National Museum of the American Latino to develop a plan of action for the establishment and maintenance

of a National Museum of the American Latino in Washington, DC; **Pages H1222–25**

*Allowing for the renegotiation of the payment schedule of contracts between the Secretary of the Interior and the Redwood Valley County Water District:* H.R. 235, amended, to allow for the renegotiation of the payment schedule of contracts between the Secretary of the Interior and the Redwood Valley County Water District; **Page H1225**

*Removing certain restrictions on the Mammoth Community Water District's ability to use certain property acquired by that District from the United States:* H.R. 356, to remove certain restrictions on the Mammoth Community Water District's ability to use certain property acquired by that District from the United States; and **Pages H1225–26**

*Yakima-Tieton Irrigation District Conveyance Act of 2007:* H.R. 386, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain buildings and lands of the Yakima Project, Washington, to the Yakima-Tieton Irrigation District, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  ye-a-and-nay vote of 417 yeas with none voting "nay," Roll No. 77. **Pages H1226–27, H1229**

**Suspensions—Proceedings Postponed:** The House debated the following measure under suspension of the rules. Further proceedings were postponed until Wednesday, February 7:

*American River Pump Station Project Transfer Act of 2007:* H.R. 482, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to transfer ownership of the American River Pump Station Project. **Pages H1227–28**

**Resignation of the Clerk of the House:** Read a letter from Karen L. Haas, in which she announced her resignation as Clerk of the House of Representatives, effective midnight on February 14, 2007. **Pages H1229–30**

**Resignation of the Chief Administrative Officer of the House of Representatives:** Read a letter from Jay Eagen, in which he announced his resignation as Chief Administrative Officer of the House of Representatives, effective midnight on February 14, 2007. **Page H1230**

**Electing Officers of the House of Representatives:** The House agreed to H. Res. 129, electing Lorraine C. Miller as Clerk of the House of Representatives and Daniel P. Beard as Chief Administrative Officer of the House of Representatives, after agreeing to divide the question. **Pages H1230–33**

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Two ye-a-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H1228–29, H1229. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10:30 a.m. and adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### HOMELAND SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Homeland Security held a hearing on Major Management Challenges Facing the Department of Homeland Security in Implementing Legislated and Other Security Improvements. Testimony was heard from David M. Walker, Comptroller General, GAO; and Richard L. Skinner, Inspector General, Department of Homeland Security.

### PRESIDENT'S FY 2008 BUDGET

*Committee on the Budget:* Held a hearing on the President's Fiscal Year 2008 Budget. Testimony was heard from Robert J. Portman, Director, OMB.

### HHS'S FY 2008 BUDGET

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Held a hearing entitled "A Review of the Department of Health and Human Services' Fiscal Year 2008 Budget." Testimony was heard from Michael O. Leavitt, Secretary of Health and Human Services.

### ISSUANCE OF SUBPOENAS

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations met and adopted a motion to issue subpoenas to several individuals to appear as witnesses before the Subcommittee in connection with a planned hearing on adequacy of the Food and Drug Administration to assure the safety of the drug supply on February 13, 2007.

### HURRICANE KATRINA—FEDERAL HOUSING RESPONSE

*Committee on Financial Services:* Held a hearing entitled "Federal Housing Response to Hurricane Katrina." Testimony was heard from Representatives Taylor, Jefferson, Boustany, Jr., and Melancon; Roy A. Bernardi, Deputy Secretary, Department of Housing and Urban Development; David Garratt, Acting Director of Recovery, FEMA, Department of Homeland Security; Walter Leger, Chairman, Housing and Redevelopment Task Force, Louisiana Recovery Authority, State of Louisiana; Gray Swoope, Executive Director, Development Authority, State of Mississippi; and public witnesses.

### RAIL AND PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION SECURITY

*Committee on Homeland Security:* Subcommittee on Transportation and Infrastructure held a hearing entitled "Update on Federal Rail and Public Transportation Security Efforts." Testimony was heard from